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# CIA draws friendly crowd

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When Central Intelligence Agency recruiters visit a college campus they almost always draw a crowd; it was no different Wednesday when they came to Ohio State University.

There were signs, such as "CIA Murder Inc.," and chants, "Si, Si, Sandinistas. No, No, CIA," but most of the students who packed a lounge in the Ohio Union were not there to protest the CIA's appearance.

They were there to apply for jobs.

AND THAT is the trend, not the exception, at colleges and universities throughout the country, says John Dohring, a CIA personnel official in Washington, D.C.

Dohring and five other CIA recruiters were scheduled to continue student interviews at OSU today.

"We find the students are more attuned to national security and the world situation," Dohring said after his opening speech. The speech was delayed briefly by a group of protesters chanting anti-CIA slogans.

"To me, there's a great feeling of nationalism which was obviously not there in the late '60s and early '70s," he said.

THE BRIEF, but loud, protest at the Ohio Union drew two uniformed OSU police officers, but there was no confrontation or arrests.

Dohring said the protest was about average for a CIA recruiting visit. There was a larger protest at the University of Illinois,

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and protests at Stanford and MIT were smaller, he said.

Of the average of 200 students who express an interest in the CIA visit, the agency will interview about 80 to 100, Dohring said, and only about five may eventually be hired.

David Leffe, 24, who will graduate this year with a bachelor's degree in criminology, was typical of the majority of students who applauded the CIA presentation.

"PEOPLE WANT jobs with a career," he said. "Sure, you're going to find people who don't like it."

"Let them say their piece and that'll be it, but a career is something people get serious about."

"You're going to find a lot of people going into this kind of work."

Gary Keith, 25, who is working for a master's degree in English, said he also came to the meeting to check career possibilities.

"I still have my concerns about ethical situations," Keith said, "but for me to completely turn my back and try and not get my hands dirty in the real world would not be responsible."

"I thought, 'Why not get right into the thick of it?'"

And Mark Farnham, 23, a military history graduate from Medina, Ohio, said he felt working for the CIA would be "a way for me to help my country. I'm a very patriotic person, really."